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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MICHAEL G. CALDWELL

Col. Michael G. Caldwell is the acting Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. In addition to advising the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on public affairs matters, he is responsible for developing and executing communication processes to build understanding and support for the Air Force. He provides guidance and support for 3,000 bandmen, broadcasters, multimedia and public affairs professionals in their mission to broadcast internal Air Force information, conduct community and media relations, manage integrated marketing, and execute security review programs.

Colonel Caldwell has served in public affairs positions at the wing, numbered air force, major command, Air Staff and joint levels. He has also served as a speechwriter while assigned to the Commander's Action Group at Air Combat Command. During his career, the colonel has been deployed to Africa, Jordan, Haiti and Iraq. Colonel Caldwell was the 1998 Air Force Field Grade Public Affairs Officer of the Year and was named Troy State University's Alumnus of the Year in Public Relations for 1999.



#### EDUCATION

- 1983 Bachelor of Science degree in broadcast journalism, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
- 1989 Master's degree in media communications, Governors State University, Park Forest, Ill.
- 1989 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College, by seminar
- 2006 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1985 – June 1988, public affairs officer, Air Force Office of Public Affairs-Midwest Region, Chicago, Ill.
2. July 1988 – June 1991, public affairs officer, then executive officer, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
3. July 1991 – March 1994, Chief, Public Affairs, 36th Fighter Wing, Bitburg AB, Germany
4. March 1994 – June 1995, Chief, Public Affairs, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
5. June 1995 – June 1996, Chief, Public Affairs, Headquarters 9th Air Force, Shaw AFB, S.C.
6. July 1996 – September 1998, Chief, Plans Division, Public Affairs, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
7. September 1998 – July 2000, lead speechwriter, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
8. August 2000 – June 2002, Chief, Air Force Press Desk, Media Operations Division, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
9. July 2002 – July 2003, Deputy Director, Public Affairs, U.S. Forces Korea, Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea
10. August 2003 – June 2005, media relations adviser to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Executive Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2005 – May 2006, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

12. June 2006 – February 2009, Deputy Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. February 2009 – present, acting Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  
National Defense Service Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Aug. 21, 1985  
First Lieutenant Aug. 21, 1987  
Captain Aug. 21, 1991  
Major July 1, 1997  
Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2001  
Colonel March 1, 2006

(Current as for February 2009)